newborn baby and also to provide comprehensive intervention package for antenatal care, group education, pre and post testing counselling, motivation for institutional delivery, administration of Neverapine drug to mother during early labour and to baby within 72 hours of birth etc.

(c) and (d) UNICEF has been implementing its country programme in India for children in various areas which include, among others, projects for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Education Cess

†3273. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two per cent of cess for education was levied on direct and indirect taxes by Government with effect from the year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the amount collected in this head till December, 2004;

(c) whether a sum out of the said amount was allocated to a few States for human resource development; and

(d) if so, the names of such States and amount allocated to these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (d) Education Cess has been imposed to fulfil the commitment of the Government to provide and finance universalised quality basic education to children in the 6-14 years age group. The revised estimate for 2004-05 for receipts on account of Education Cess is Rs. 5010 crore as reflected in the Receipts Budget 2005-06 of the Ministry of Finance.

After imposition of Education Cess through the Finance (No.2) Act, 2004 additional allocations of Rs. 2000 crore and Rs.1232 crore have been provided for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Schemes respectively through first Supplementary Estimates 2004-05. Statements showing the grants released to various States under SSA and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

MDM during 2004-05 after receiving allocation of first supplementary grants are given in Statement-I and II respectively.

Statement-I

The amount of grant released to various States during 2004-05 after receiving allocation of first supplementary grants from Ministry of Finance

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	State/UT	Amount released for SSA after 14.1.2005
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11000.00
2.	Assam	5000.00
3.	Chhattisgarh	11189.76
4.	Gujarat	6200.00
5.	Haryana	7500.00
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2529.00
7.	Jharkhand	8758.57
8.	Karnataka	10412.24
9.	Madhya Pradesh	19197.92
10.	Maharashtra	15000.00
11.	Manipur	725.00
12.	Nagaland	800.00
13.	Orissa	14500.00
14.	Punjab	3040.00
15.	Rajasthan	12500.00
16.	Tamil Nadu	15300.00
17.	Tripura	2.40
18.	Uttar Pradesh	30000.00
19.	Uttaranchal	4731.375
20.	West Bengal	15000.00
21.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	65.58
22.	Daman & Diu	111.91
23.	Lakshadweep	12.03
	TOTAL	193575.785

Grants have been booked for Gujarat (62 crore), Madhya Pradesh (109 crore) and Nagaland (8 crore) on 23.2.2005.

Statement-II

Funds released for Additional Central Assistance to States/UTs as Cooking Assistance in 2004-05 after allocation of first supplementary grants

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	State/UT	Amount released by Ministry of Finance
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7600.98
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	276.96
3.	Assam	2310.62
4.	Bihar	7081.92
5.	Chhattisgarh	3974.28
6.	Goa	60.42
7.	Gujarat	4804.29
8.	Haryana	2174.32
9.	Himachal Pradesh	844.96
10.	Karnataka	6589.93
11.	Kerala	2453.28
12.	Madhya Pradesh	13258.92
13.	Maharashtra	13995.44
14.	Manipur	218.98
15.	Meghalaya	543.89
16.	Nagaland	246.42
17.	Orissa	7356.12
18.	Rajasthan	13151.22
19.	Tamil Nadu	5819.30
20.	Tripura	701.66
21.	Uttaranchal	1233.64
22.	Uttar Pradesh	17067.44
	TOTAL	111764.99

The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987

3274. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating changes in the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987;